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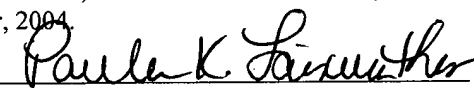
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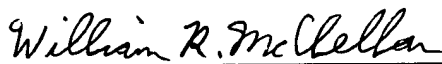
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

This responds to the requirement for restriction mailed August 20, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

- I. Claims 1-32 and 45-50, directed to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 357.
- II. Claims 33-44, directed to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 100+.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-32 and 45-50 for prosecution in the present application.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed. The claim groups are closely related and can most efficiently be examined in a single application. It is believed that the

searches for the two claim groups would be coextensive. Accordingly, withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this response, please contact Applicants' undersigned Attorney.

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